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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: PROCESS FOR TREATMENT AND

EXTRACTION OF ORGANIC CORK COMPOUNDS BY A DENSE FLUID

UNDER PRESSURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment

to read as follows.

3(Amended) Process according to claim 1, in which said dense fluid under pressure is in the super-critical state.

4/(Amended) Process according to claim 1, in which compression/decompression cycles are carried out.